

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding Advisory Action mailed November 29, 2005. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 82 – 105 remain pending. In particular, Applicants adds claims 82 – 105 and cancels claims 1, 42 – 65, and 78 – 81. Applicants cancel these claims merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicants do not intend to dedicate the canceled subject matter to the public. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. Claims 1, 42 – 50, 52 – 53, 55, 57, 79, and 81 are Patentable Over Lasky

The Office Action indicates that claims 1, 42 – 50, 52 – 53, 55, 57, 79, and 81 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 6,367,078 (“*Lasky*”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, but cancel these claims and consider this issue moot.

II. Claims 51, 54, 56, 68 – 64, and 80 are Patentable Over Lasky in View of Amano

The Office Action indicates that claims 51, 54, 56, 68 – 64, and 80 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lasky* in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,367,078 (“*Amano*”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, but cancel these claims and consider this issue moot.

III. Allegedly Well Known Subject Matter

In addition, the Office Action states, with respect to claim 63 “[a]lthough not specifically stated, it is well understood that the EPG system frequently receives updated information from the head-end to update the program database” (OA p. 19, line 8). Applicants respectfully traverse the alleged finding of well known subject matter and submit that the subject matter noted above should not be considered well known for at least the specific and particular reason that the Office Action does not include specific factual findings predicated on sound technical and scientific reasoning to support such conclusions, as required.

Applicants additionally submit that particularly in the context of the claimed combination that includes “second data comprising a channel table that includes respective associations of one or more categories for a plurality of corresponding television channels, said channel table including a first association of a first category to a first television channel,” the subject matter in question is too complex for a reasonably skilled person to consider the subject matter well known to the point that no additional evidence is needed. For at least this additional specific and particular reason, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter in question is not well known in the art. However, as claim 63 is canceled, Applicants consider this issue moot.

III. New Claims 82 – 105

A. New Claim 82 is Allowable Over the Cited Art

Applicants add new claim 82 and submit that this claim is allowable for at least the reason that the cited art fails to disclose, teach, or suggest all of the claimed features of new claim 82. More specifically, the cited art fails to disclose, teach, or suggest a “a terminal for displaying television program information and television programs, said terminal comprising... a processor, coupled to the memory, the processor configured for simultaneously searching at least a portion of the channel table for data related to at least one channel to which a category is assigned and causing the display of at least one television program” as recited in new claim 82.

B. New Claim 95 is Allowable Over the Cited Art

Applicants add new claim 95 and submit that this claim is allowable for at least the reason that the cited art fails to disclose, teach, or suggest all of the claimed features of new claim 95. More specifically, the cited art fails to disclose, teach, or suggest a “a terminal for displaying television program information and television programs, said terminal comprising... a processor, configured for simultaneously searching at least a portion of the channel table for data related to at least one channel to which a category is assigned and displaying at least one television program” as recited in new claim 95.

C. New Claim 98 is Allowable Over the Cited Art

Applicants add new claim 98 and submit that this claim is allowable for at least the reason that the cited art fails to disclose, teach, or suggest all of the claimed features of new claim 98. More specifically, the cited art fails to disclose, teach, or suggest a “a terminal for

displaying television program information and television programs, said terminal comprising... a processor... configured for simultaneously searching at least a portion of the channel table for data related to at least one channel to which a category is assigned and causing display at least one television program” as recited in new claim 98.

D. New Claim 100 is Allowable Over the Cited Art

Applicants add new claim 100 and submit that this claim is allowable for at least the reason that the cited art fails to disclose, teach, or suggest all of the claimed features of new claim 100. More specifically, the cited art fails to disclose, teach, or suggest a “a terminal for displaying television program information and television programs, said terminal comprising... a processor... wherein the processor is configured for simultaneously searching at least a portion of the channel table and causing the display of at least one television program” as recited in new claim 100.

E. New Claim 102 is Allowable Over the Cited Art

Applicants add new claim 102 and submit that this claim is allowable for at least the reason that the cited art fails to disclose, teach, or suggest all of the claimed features of new claim 102. More specifically, the cited art fails to disclose, teach, or suggest a “a terminal for displaying television program information and television programs, said terminal comprising... a processor configured to... responsive to the receiving the second user input, simultaneously search at least a portion of the channel table and cause the display of at least one television program” as recited in new claim 102.

F. New Claim 104 is Allowable Over the Cited Art

Applicants add new claim 104 and submit that this claim is allowable for at least the reason that the cited art fails to disclose, teach, or suggest all of the claimed features of new claim 104. More specifically, the cited art fails to disclose, teach, or suggest a “a terminal for displaying television program information and television programs, said terminal comprising... a processor configured to simultaneously search at least a portion of the channel table and cause display of at least one television program” as recited in new claim 104.

G. New Claims 83 – 94, 96 – 97, 99, 101, 103, and 105 are Allowable Over the Cited Art

In addition, new claims 83 – 94 are believed to be allowable for at least the reason that these claims depend from allowable independent claim 82. New claims 96 – 97 are believed to be allowable for at least the reason that these claims depend from allowable independent claim 95. New claim 99 is believed to be allowable for at least the reason that this claim depends from allowable independent claim 98. New claim 101 is believed to be allowable for at least the reason that this claim depends from allowable independent claim 100. New claim 103 is believed to be allowable for at least the reason that this claim depends from allowable independent claim 102. New claim 105 is believed to be allowable for at least the reason that this claim depends from allowable independent claim 104. *In re Fine, Minnesota Mining and Mfg. Co. v. Chemque, Inc.*, 303 F.3d 1294, 1299 (Fed. Cir. 2002).

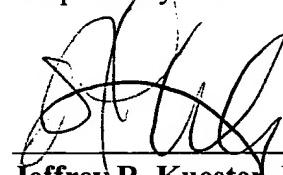
CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested.

Any other statements in the Office Action that are not explicitly addressed herein are not intended to be admitted. In addition, any and all findings of inherency are traversed as not having been shown to be necessarily present. Further, any and all findings of well-known art and official notice, or statements interpreted similarly, should not be considered well known for at least the specific and particular reason that the Office Action does not include specific factual findings predicated on sound technical and scientific reasoning to support such conclusions.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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